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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:

Franklin Okumu

Serial No. 09/839,684

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For Sustained Release Formulations

Examiner Jeffrey E. Russel

Group Art Unit No. 1653

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002 for a period of three months.

Please charge the \$930 filing fee to American Express Account No. 3785-716974-01002. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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